



# Tips for Living with a Child Who Has Cloaca

- 1** Before your child has colostomy surgery, call colostomy suppliers to ask for samples so they will be ready when you need them. Try different supplies to find which ones work best for your child.
- 2** Join a colostomy support group to learn and get support from other parents.
- 3** Ask the doctor about starting bowel management when your child is around the same age that other children begin potty training.
- 4** When you travel by airplane, pack medical supplies in a separate bag to carry with you in case there is a delay in the airport or your baggage gets lost.
- 5** Always carry extra clothes for your child when you are away from home. Send extra clothes with your child to school in case your child has an accident.
- 6** Have your daughter establish a relationship with a gynecologist early in life, and schedule a gynecologist follow-up at early signs of puberty.

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